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SUBJ: VISIT OF PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THAILAND,
JULY 29-AUGUST 1.

1. PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION DELEGATION, HEADED BY FAROUK KODOUMI (HEAD OF THE POLITICAL DEPT OF THE PLO AND ALSO DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS PLO FOREIGN MINISTER), AND INCLUDING SAID KAMAL (ASSISTANT TO DIRECT-GENERAL OF THE POLITICAL DEPT OF PLO) AND MRS. SALWA ABU KHADDRA (MEMBER OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL AND HEAD OF PALESTINIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN KUWAIT), VISITED THAILAND JULY 29 TO AUG 1. THE DELEGATION HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, AND THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE COMING TO THAILAND. THE DELEGATION LEFT FOR COLOMBO ON AUG 1.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH THAI PRESS FAROUK KADOUMI SAID HE WOULD EXPLAIN TO RTG THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND APPEAL FOR THAILAND'S "POLITICAL AND MORAL SUPPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL FOR OUR JUST CAUSE." HE ADDED, "WE
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ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS AND FOR PEACE. WE WANT TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT STATE OF PALESTINE ON A PART OF OUR TERRITORY--ANY PART." HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING PLO OFFICE IN BANGKOK, IN ADDITION TO PLO OFFICES IN TWO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON TERRORISM, FAROUK SAID, "THE PLO DOES NOT PREFER ANY ACT OF HIJACKING. AS

FOR TERRORISM, IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER IT SUCCEEDS OR
NOT. IF TERRORISTS SUCCEED, THEY BECOME LIBERATORS."

3. COMMENT: FAROUK KADOUMI REPORTEDLY MET WITH THAI
FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKHUN ON JULY 30. WE
WILL REVIEW VISIT WITH MFA IN COURSE OF NEXT FEW DAYS TO
SEE IF ANY UNUSUAL THEMES WERE TOUCHED ON BY PLO DELEGATION.
ISRAELI EMBASSY TELLS US THEY DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE PLO
SERIOUSLY PRESSED TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT OFFICE IN BANGKOK.

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